tes of Maharashtra, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh;,

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been number; of deaths due" to starvation in the Kalahandi district of- Orissa during the last three months; and

(c) whether Government have provided some special relief to the drought prone States to avoid starvation deaths and if not, the reasons therefor?

, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND COOPERATION IN THiE MINISTRY OF 'AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA). (aj The-Government of Maharashtra, Orisa and Andhra Pradesh have reported drought conditions of varying degrees in parts of the States.

(b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. .

Indo-USSR Protocol on Co-optration in fiie Waiter Resources Sector

794.. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-' DHURY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the USSR have' recently signed a protocol for. co-operation "in the water resources sector;

(b) if so, the broad" outlines thereof;

(c). the areas which are likely t^be - covered by it; and. ~

(d)> the amount of foreign exchange earmarked for the purpose?.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) (d) A protocol of Cooperation between Ministry of Water Resources, India, and Ministry $_0$f Land Reclamation and Water Management, USSR in the field of d irrigation and Water! has been signed on 3rd April, 1987. '

The; The Cooperation Programme covenareas like construction of damrand canals using targetted blasting method; designing; hydraulic structures jon, unstable soil; stu--dies for design and construction of High Earth and Rock-fill Dams in areas ' of, seismic activity; " ground ^wbter exploration and prospective drilling; drainage systems for elective control of land salinizaiioo and water logging etc.

Application of new Farm Technique, in Rural Areas

. 795. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) wnether it isa. fact that, the new farm techniques have not reached . the rural area in spite of several . *years* of its invention and applieation; and

(b). if so, what steps Government have taken for the applieation of new farm techniques in the rural areas ia fulFmeasures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL,. TUBE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI. YOGENDRA, MAKWANA): (a) No Sir, the modem- farm tech niques in Agriculture are being dis seminated in the rural areas by exten sion machinery of State Agriculture Departments|State Agriculture- Universi ties.

(b) The steps taken for application of new farm techniques in the rural areas include:

(i) Reorganisation of farm' ex_ tension services in the - "States of Andtea Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat,. Haryana, Himarfhal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra; Orissa; Pun_. jab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal by adopting the. training & visit system of extension whidh provides for transfer of farm technology in agriculture from , research scientists to Subject Matter , Specialists (SMS) in monthly Work_ shops, *fiota* SMS- to Village 'EKtansJon